

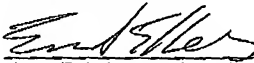
B. REMARKS

The above-noted Office Action was issued because our reply filed via facsimile on September 24, 2004 was not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because: the text of the claims extended substantially into the low margins of the claim pages and at least one line on each page was obscured by the footer text of the receiving fax machine.

Applicants apologize for such error and the claims as presented in this amendment are in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(4)(i).

As the application is otherwise in condition for allowance, such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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